

February 13, 2017  
Ms. Sonal Gandhi  
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Boston, MA 02201-1007

Re: GE Cooperation Agreement

Dear Ms. Gandhi:

As members of the Impact Advisory Group, thank you for the opportunity to review the Draft Cooperation Agreement (CA) for the General Electric Headquarters project and provide comments.

We appreciate that the CA incorporates many of the IAG's mitigation comments regarding transportation, public realm improvements, open space and the preservation of Necco Court (Green) pedestrian bridge, which will provide appropriate mitigation for potentially negative impacts and provide lasting improvement for Fort Point. We would propose that the CA include specific opportunities for the community to participate in the design and implementation of these mitigations, for instance, design of the Binford St intersection, design of the GE property interface with Fort Point Park, design of the Necco Court Green Bridge.

Omitted from the CA are several related IAG mitigation measures important to the neighborhood that we request be reconsidered for inclusion:

- Funding for art programming, on-site temporary and permanent public art designed for a variety of art mediums including video light projections and performances
- Funding for watershed activation programming, including, but not limited to, the Fort Point pier/dock, Harborwalk and channelside open spaces as proposed in the 2002 "Fort Point Channel Activation Plan"
- Provision for convenient boat storage and a dock operator

Public art programming and the activation and use of the Fort Point Channel are an important and unique part of life in Fort Point for residents, businesses and visitors. We request that GE as our new prominent neighbor contribute and help expand this important part of our quality of life.

We look forward to working with GE and the BPDA as the project commences. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

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IAG Members